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Sentencing in United States v. Baldeo and Kamla Sahabir

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced today that on December 15, 2010, Baldeo Sahabir and his wife, Kamla Sahabir, residents of Schenectady, were sentenced by United States District Court Judge David N. Hurd. Baldeo Sahabir, a citizen of Trinidad, was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 60 months on Counts 1-10 of the indictment to be served concurrently, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release on Counts 1 & 2 of the indictment and 5 years supervised release on Counts 3-10, to be served concurrently. Kamla Sahabir was sentenced to a 36 month term of imprisonment on Counts 1, 2 & 6-10 of the indictment to be served concurrently with each other, 3 years supervised release on Counts 1 & 2 of the indictment and 5 years supervised release on Counts 6-10 to be served concurrently. Both defendants were ordered to pay restitution to the victim, the Bank of New York.

The Sahabirs were sentenced following a jury trial after which Baldeo Sahabir was convicted on all 10 counts of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to commit money laundering, money laundering and aiding and abetting the commission of a bank fraud. Kamla Sahabir was convicted of seven of the 10 counts charged in the indictment.

The convictions arose from the defendants' participation in a scheme to launder money stolen from the Bank of New York. The money came from "unclaimed funds" held at the Bank of New York and was wired to the Sahabirs by Lal Singh, who is currently awaiting sentencing. From December of 2000 until April 2003, Singh wired approximately \$521,219.18 to Baldeo Sahabir's checking account. From July 2003 until May of 2007, Singh wired \$2,419,245.10 to an account opened by both Baldeo and Kamla in the name of America Seva International, a Hindu temple at which the Sahabirs were officers. After they received the money, the Sahabirs returned approximately half of it to Singh and withdrew the rest in cash.

The case was investigated by the Secret Service and the New York State Police.

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